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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NACCFM MEETING

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: EMBOFFS MET WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) PERMANENT SECRETARY FRANK FRANCIS TO DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE ISSUES JUST AS WORD CAME THAT KABUL COUP WAS SUCCESSFUL. NOTWITHSTANDING UNCERTAINTIES, THE DISCUSSION WAS HELD AND REVEALED THAT WHILE JAMAICA HOLDS FIRMLY TO ITS IDENTIFICATION WITH NAM NATIONS IN GENERAL, IT CONTINUES TO DISPLAY UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERNS EVEN IN THOSE AREAS WHERE OUR IMMEDIATE INTERESTS ARE IN CONFLICT. END OF SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MR. FRANCIS ON MAY 1 JUST AS IT WAS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT THE VENUE OF THE NACCFM MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED AS RESULT OF THE KABUL COUP. NEVERTHELESS, SINCE THE PERMANENT SECRETARY THOUGHT IT WISE TO BE PREPARED WHATEVER TIMING AND

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VENUE MIGHT PROVE TO BE, EMBOFFS RAISED MATTERS CONTAINED IN REFTEL. IN RESPONSE TO TALKING POINTS, MR. FRANCIS MADE FOLLOWING RESPONSES.

A. MIDDLE EAST - PERMANENT SECRETARY SAID JAMAICA RECOGNIZES DELICACY OF PRESENT SITUATION AND SHARES CONCERN OF US. HE ADDED THAT JAMAICA MUST ACT

LESS OPENLY THAN CAN
THE US. HOWEVER, HE POINTED
TO GOJ'S INACTION ON REQUEST OF PALESTINE LIBERATION
ORGANIZATION (PLO) TO OPEN AN INFORMATION OFFICE IN
JAMAICA.

B. SOUTHERN AFRICA - ACKNOWLEDGING NEGOTIATIONS
REGARDING ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA HAVE REACHED A
SENSITIVE STAGE, AND THUS OUGHT NOT TO BE
DISRUPTED, MR. FRANCIS VOICED CONCERN OVER THE DANGER
OF CONFRONTATION IN RHODESIA AND CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA FOR
ENDEAVORING TO RETAIN CONTROL OVER WALVIS BAY EVEN
THOUGH ACCEPTING THE GROUP OF FIVE PROPOSAL.

C. SSOD - INDICATING THAT HE DID NOT THINK SSOD FIGURED
ON THE AGENDA HE HAD SEEN, MR. FRANCIS OFFERED NO
SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE.

D. GUAM - THE PERMANENT SECRETARY AGAIN SAID HE DID
NOT THINK GUAM WOULD FIGURE AT THE NAMCCFM
CONFERENCE WHEN HELD. HOWEVER, HE DID ASK FOR
INFORMATION ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH GUAM ENJOYS
SELF-GOVERNMENT.

E. PUERTO RICO -- MR. FRANCIS SAID THAT HE WAS
AWARE OF THE EARLIER REPRESENTATION ON THIS
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ISSUE AND SAID US POSITION WELL-UNDERSTOOD. HE
THEN ADDED, "OUR ONLY CONCERN ABOUT PUERTO RICO
IS THE THINGS YOU DO IN THE INTEREST OF PUERTO
RICO WHICH AFFECT OURS (I.E., JAMAICA'S). WHEN SOMEONE SAYS
'PUERTO RICO', THE FIRST THING WE THINK OF IS RUM".

F. KOREA - MR. FRANCIS SAID HE EXPECTS ISSUE WILL
EMERGE AT THE CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT JAMAICA
RECOGNIZES THE VALIDITY OF AMERICAN VIEWS ON
REUNIFICATION.

G. MASS MEDIA - THE PERMANENT SECRETARY SAID THAT,
"IT IS OUR POSITION THAT IN THE EXPERIENCE OF
MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE INTERNATIONAL
PRESS HAS NOT BEEN AS FAITHFUL IN PRESENTING
THIRD WORLD POSITIONS AS THE THIRD WORLD WOULD
LIKE BECAUSE THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS IS BASED IN
DEVELOPED NATIONS." HE THEN SAID THAT JAMAICA
IS STILL FORMULATING ITS POSITION ON MASS MEDIA
AND THAT IT WAS AWAITING THE RESULTS OF A MEETING
HELD THE WEEK PREVIOUS IN HAVANA DEALING WITH
THE PROBLEMS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND THE MASS MEDIA.

H. NORTH/SOUTH - MR. FRANCIS RESPONDED THAT JAMAICA AND THE US UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER'S POSITION ON THIS. HE THEN STRESSED THAT THE PLIGHT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REQUIRES EARLY AND EFFECTIVE DECISIONS TO REDRESS A VARIETY OF ECONOMIC DISPARITIES. HE LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT WHILE HE WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THE NAMCCFM CONFERENCE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR FORMAL DISCUSSION OF NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, SUCH ISSUES WOULD -- AND SHOULD -- BE THE SUBJECT OF MUCH INFORMAL DISCUSSION.

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THAT HE SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THIS WOULD SURFACE.

3. MR. FRANCIS THEN SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE ISSUES WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD ALSO BE RAISED AT THE NAMCCFM CONFERENCE. THEY ARE:

A. WESTERN SAHARA - THIS HE SAID WILL DEFINITELY BE DISCUSSED. MR. FRANCIS SAID TWO PRINCIPLES GOVERN JAMAICA'S POSITION. FIRST, INSOFAR AS IT IS A BORDER DISPUTE, IT MUST BE SOLVED ON THE BASIS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICA STATES' POSITION ON BOUNDARIES. SECOND, SELF-DETERMINATION MUST GOVERN, AND THUS THE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND ALSO THE "BENEFICIARY" STATES MUST DECIDE THE OUTCOME. "ONE THING IS CLEAR: OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IS NOT GOING TO HELP."

B. HORN OF AFRICA - JAMAICA THINKS THAT THE SOMALIS WERE WRONG TO TAKE ACTION ON ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY, ASAID MR. FRANCIS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WITH THE SOMALIS NOW NO LONGER IN ETHIOPIA, THE MATTER IS CLOSED. HE HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN ERITRIA.

C. VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA - MR. FRANCIS SAID THAT HE HAS EVERY REASON TO THINK THE VIETNAMESE WILL RAISE THE ISSUE. HE OFFERED NO VIEWS.
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